

CITY OF BEVERLY

Fire District No. 1

Board of Fire Commissioners

February 22, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kevin Mickle under the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law c.295, Public Laws of 1979 with a salute to the Flag of the USA on February 22, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Beverly City Hall, 446 Broad Street, Beverly, NJ.

ROLL CALL and the following members were present: ROGERS, S. RICHARDS, BENT, N. RICHARDS, MICKLE

ALSO PRESENT: COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEVERLY MORGAN, FIRE OFFICIAL RANDY JOHNSON, COMMISSION ATTORNEY JAY SENDZIK, CHIEF MICHEAL JOHNSON

MINUTES: Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bent, to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting and the executive session of December 21, 2015.

Ayes: Rogers, Bent, N. Richards, S. Richards, Mickle

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to accept the Treasurer's Report for both the month and for the preceding year.

Ayes: Rogers, S. Richards, Bent, N. Richards, Mickle

CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Mike Johnson gave a written and verbal report.

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Kathy Morgan presented the Fire Department with 4 pet oxygen mask kits. The presentation was given in honor of her late husband and former department fire fighter and Beverly City Fire Commissioner Rich Morgan. Fire Chief Mike Johnson and the Beverly Fire Commissioners gratefully accepted this gift.

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Fire Official Johnson provided a written and verbal report.

OLD BUSINESS: The Edgewater Park Shared Fire Services contract is now complete. The Fire Companies will each designate 3 people to meet with 2 Fire Commissioners to go over the Company contracts. A date will be determined at our next meeting after both fire companies select the 3 people.

NEW BUSINESS: Beverly Fire Co No. 1 had some issues with the Chief that will be addressed in Executive Session for Personnel matters. The Fire Company has also

informed us that during preparation of their taxes they were informed that there were issues with renting a bay to the Fire Police. They have therefore voted to stop renting the bay as of April 1st. Mr. Mickle asked why they had to go as they were part of the department. Mr. Bent asked why this was not brought to the Board so that we could help with the issue. Mr. Hawkins also explained that the company wanted the bay back. Commission Attorney Sendzik said that there was a way that it could be rented without tax liability. When questioned by Mr. Bent Mr. Hawkins said that even if the tax issues were worked out the company still wanted the bay back. He said that the April 1st date could be negotiable. Ms. Rogers will work with the Fire Police and meet with the Emergency Squad to see if space is available there.

All Commission members received a copy of the new legislation for the possible merging of Fire Districts.

Mr. Richards spoke briefly about an application for a new fire department member.

Ms. Rogers congratulated Paula Teixeira on her election as the newest member of the Edgewater Park Fire Commission. Mr. Bent congratulated Sean Richards and Nancy Richards for their reelection to the Beverly Fire Commission.

PUBLIC SESSION: Ms. Meredith, treasurer of Hope Hose Fire Company, informed the board that their audit for 2015 was almost complete.

Mr. Boltz questioned the board as to approving expenditures. He presented a list of bills paid that he got from our website, all presented by Chief Johnson. Mr. Mickle and Ms. Rogers told him that every bill for that month was presented in a list at each board meeting and was questioned or approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Hawkins asked who was responsible for buying the gear for the engineers. At one time it came out of the Board of Engineers budget. Mr. Richards explained that problems started to arise as far back as when Mr. Desjardins was Chief. There were several resignations and appointments for the same positions and it just got too expensive for the Board of Engineers when the companies kept changing officers in the middle of the term of office.

Chief Johnson explained what had happened this year.

Leigh Ann Esaia asked that we send a thank you letter to Mrs. Morgan for the gift of the pet mask kits and was assured that would be done by the commissioners.

Mr. Bush complained of mistreatment when his credentials were questioned and said it was a hostile work environment.

Chief Johnson and Mr. Richards reminded everyone that there is a department wide meeting on Thursday at 7:30 PM and all department members were asked to come and discuss any and all issues. He also said that the ID machine had been repaired and could be used at any time arranged.

Chairman Mickle declared the public session closed.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bent for the payment of bills.

Ayes: Bent, N. Richards, S. Richards, Mickle, Rogers

Courier Times	advertising - rfp & 2016 budget	\$137.52
Charlene Rogers	2016 fire election	\$125.00
Theresa Lowesen	2016 fire election	\$125.00
Kate Elliott	2016 fire election	\$125.00
Twp of Delanco	fire chief gasoline January	\$91.98
Twp of Delanco	fire police gasoline January	\$42.34
NJAW	hydrants January	\$3,111.90
Nat Alexander Co	chief - streamlight	\$152.26
Fire Police Debit Card	storm standby & spotlights	\$205.32
AT&T	aid to volunteers - 911 tablets	\$289.88
A2Z Emblems	chief - Troster uniform	\$1,299.90
A2Z Emblems	fire police - veight	\$1,574.86
Continental Fire & Safety	chief - tetra pack	\$42.00
Chief Debit Card	gold shield, storm on call	\$410.56
Verizon Wireless	fire official cell phone	\$44.21
Safeguard	office exp - blank checks	\$149.00
WB Mason	fire official office printer	\$99.99
Pep Boys	chief - wipers,deicer,icemelt	\$73.96
Communication Equip Specialist	chief - batteries	\$330.00
Bev Morgan	February admin asst	\$200.00
Eastwicks Florist	chief - fruit basket	\$58.85
	Total	\$8,689.53

RESOLUTION 2-1-2016: Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Bent, moved to pass Resolution 2-1-2016 to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

AYES: N. Richards, Rogers, S. Richards, Bent, Mickle

Upon return from Executive Session Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve the membership application of William Tottell upon completion of an acceptable physical.

Ayes: N. Richards, S. Richards, Bent, Rogers, Mickle

Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mickle declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman _____
Kevin Mickle

Secretary _____
Charlene Rogers